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## **Combined operations in Diyala continue to obstruct the AIF, their activity**

**BAQUBAH, Iraq (October 2, 2006)** – Coalition Forces (CF) and the Iraqi police (IP) apprehended three suspected anti-Iraqi force (AIF) and seized a sizable cache Tuesday in a combined operation south of Baqubah.

Iraqi police from Baqubah, Iraq and Soldiers with A. Company, 1-68th Combined Arms Battalion, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, Task Force Lightning discovered the individuals, along with a cache, while conducting a combined two-day operation searching area palm groves and the surrounding villages for AIF activity.

During the search, both elements came under small arms fire from a house near where IP and CF were operating. A Company returned fire resulting in one AIF killed.

The cache consisted of one AK-47, five AK-47 magazines, two hand grenades, IED making materials, anti-Iraqi propaganda, and binoculars. The three detainees were taken to a secured location for questioning and the cache was destroyed in a controlled environment.

This successful find is part of ongoing combined operations throughout the Diyala province, led by Iraqi Security Forces (ISF), to disrupt AIF and their activity. It also demonstrates the determination and fortitude of the ISF in Diyala, and keep communities safe – ensuring the safe return of displaced Iraqi civilians.

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